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1. In 1952, the Dalmor Deep Sea Fishing Enterprise branch in Swinoujscie was organizing training courses for fishermen. The courses were advertised in newspapers and in factories to attract candidates and were rather popular, because fishermen's wages were better than those of other trades. There were also other advantages for the fishermen, such as visiting foreign ports and buying cheap commodities not readily obtainable in Poland. This was also considered one of the easiest ways to escape from Poland.
2. Every volunteer had to send an application in to Dalmor with a personal history, a copy of his birth certificate, a copy of his soldier's book and three photos. Only those who were regarded as politically reliable and physically fit for the fishermen's hard work at sea were accepted.
3. At the course [] most of the 40 candidates were young men between 20 and 30 years old, and were volunteers selected from all branches of Dalmor and from other enterprises not necessarily connected with fishing.
4. The course was given in the town of Swinoujscie at ulica Armii Czerwonej 12 in a three story brick building. In the same building were some offices and a Fishing Net Production and Repair Workshop belonging to Dalmor. Those who attended the course were billeted 8 or 10 in one room. They were paid 450 zloty a day in addition to free room and board. Those who came from Dalmor were paid the same wages during the course as they received while on the last job.

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5. Each course lasted seven weeks. The daily schedule was from 0800 to 1200 and from 1400 to 1630. The program covered ichthyology, navigation, net making and repairing, map reading, Polish, elementary mathematics and political indoctrination. A supervisor was in charge and one lecturer and administrative personnel were on the permanent staff. The other lecturers were brought in from Dalmor's branch and the Port Authority of Swinoujscie.
6. Those who passed the final examination, were either returned to Dalmor or immediately placed in fishing jobs. All who were placed in fishing jobs received fisherman's book (Ksiazka rybacka). Men usually began as apprentices and were shortly promoted to junior fishermen. About $\frac{1}{4}$ of the men in the course [redacted] did not receive fisherman's books in spite of the fact that all passed the final examination. This was because they were considered politically unreliable, although they were not so informed.

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